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For: ELEMENT, METHOD AND KIT FOR THE DETERMINATION OF AN
ANALYTE IN A LIQUID

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action mailed October 15, 2003, a three-month extension of time, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.